

## **Bush River Community Council**

### **November 19, 2012 Meeting Minutes**

The November 2012 meeting of the Bush River Community Council (BRCC) was called to order by the Chairman, Larry Carmichael, at 6:30 p.m. in the Anita C. Leight Estuary Center small meeting room, Otter Point Road, Abingdon, MD, on November 19, 2012. After nearly two years of monthly meetings with many issues raised and referred to the appropriate government agencies for resolution, the BRCC council board decided to devote this meeting to a review of the by-laws, mission, duties of officers, authority provided by the Harford County Executive, the processes used and lessons learned. In attendance were Harford County Executive representative Patti Gonzalez, Chairman Larry Carmichael, Vice Chairman Randy Conlon, Recording Secretary Mary Starks, Kathleen Leary, and Jo Wanda Lucas. Board members Glenn Dudderar, John Paff, Harry Webster, Jr, were absent from the meeting. A representative from the Aegis attended.

Chairman Carmichael welcomed everyone and thanked all for coming. The final Minutes from the October meeting were staffed then approved, as agreed upon by the Board, electronically.

#### **Harford County Sheriff's Report**

Chairman Carmichael provided information he obtained from Captain Swain from the Harford County Sheriff's Office. Cases of interest in the last month:

- Burglary in the 200 block of Mayberry Dr.
- Burglary in the 400 block of Stepney Rd. (domestic related-arrest made)
- Auto theft: Peterbuilt tractor stolen from the 500 block of Advantage Avenue.
- November 7, 2012: Person stuck with a pistol and fired at in the 200 block of Perrywood Ct. (not shot-treated and released).
- November 11, 2012: a vehicle was shot in the 200 block of Perrywood Ct.
  - The above two incidents are believed to be related. Investigators believe the incidents are related to a dispute between individuals and not random acts with indiscriminate targets.

#### **Agenda**

Two members of the current Board who have not been able to attend meetings for 4+ months will be sent letters thanking them for their service: Mr. John Paff and Mr. Harry Webster, Jr. will no longer serve on the current board. A brief discussion was held on the need to recruit new members since the two-year term appointments will soon be up on the remainder of the current board.

Two new issues were raised: BGE response in one neighborhood to Sandy and problems with lines hanging to low from poles to homes which are below code; and questions regarding the James Run development of retail, corporate, and long term luxury lodging planned for the property just beyond I-95 on Route 543 West. It was agreed that speakers from BGE and Harford County planning and zoning would be invited to future meetings to address these issues.

A detailed review and discussion of the council purpose and objectives, authority of the council and its board, processes for identifying, researching, determining appropriate action agency, using lessons learned and presentation of issues was held. Guidance was provided by Mrs. Gonzalez in answering questions and providing explanations. As a result of this review, all present board members agreed on Council processes, authority levels and goals/objectives and that the BRCC is on the right course to continue to meet its goals and objectives.

The Aberdeen Community Action Coalition presented a letter to the Council revoking a previous request for assistance with issues relating to the Perrywood Garden Apartments. The Council accepted the letter which removes the BRCC from any relationship to the actions of the Coalition. The BRCC will continue to work with the Tryko Partners (owners of Perrywood Garden Apartments), local government and HUD on issues which potentially affect the surrounding environment or communities.

With no further topics, questions or issues raised, Chairman Carmichael thanked all attendees for coming, and adjourned the meeting at 7: 35 pm.

Submitted by:

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